

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of managing a hardware device ~~managed object~~, comprising:
dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta data description for a function of said hardware device ~~object~~, wherein said ~~object~~ is a hardware device;
managing said ~~managed object~~ hardware device with an operator input command employing the generated interpretable format, including a GET command to request data from said ~~managed object~~ hardware device, a SET command to modify existing data of said ~~managed object~~ hardware device, and an INVOKE command to create new data, wherein a single URL assigned to an attribute of said ~~managed object~~ hardware device is used for each of said operator commands;
interpreting said operator input command according to said format;
executing a ~~said~~ function to manage configuration of said ~~object~~ hardware device in response to said interpretation of said operator input command; and
displaying a response of said executed function to an operator.
2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising translating a response received from said ~~managed object~~ hardware device into said interpretable format.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said meta data description for a function of said ~~object~~ hardware device includes a uniform resource locator assigned to said function.
4. (Original) The method of claim 3, wherein said meta data describes one or more internal commands associated with said function.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta data description includes building a data structure to inform an operator of a required format for communication with said ~~managed object~~ hardware device.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising communicating with said ~~managed object~~ hardware device in real-time.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the step of dynamically generating an

interpretable format from a meta data description for a function of said ~~object~~ hardware device includes an interface selected from a group consisting of: a command line interface, and a graphical user interface.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer system with a ~~managed object~~ hardware device comprising:
a manager to dynamically generate an interpretable format from a meta data description for said ~~object~~, wherein said ~~object~~ is a function of a hardware device;

~~an input command to manage said managed object~~ hardware device managed with an input command employing the generated interpretable format, including a GET command to request data from said ~~managed object~~ hardware device, a SET command to modify existing data of said ~~managed object~~ hardware device, and an INVOKE command to create new data, wherein a single URL assigned to an attribute of said ~~managed object~~ hardware device is used for each of said operator commands;

an interpreter to translate said input command according to said interpretable format, wherein an action is executed to manage configuration of said ~~object~~ hardware device in response to said translation; and

a response of said executed action displayed to an operator.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein a meta data description for a function of said ~~object~~ hardware device includes a uniform resource locator assigned to said function.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein said meta data description includes one or more internal commands associated with said function.

11. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 8, wherein said manager builds a data structure to inform an operator of a required format for communication with said ~~managed object~~ hardware device.

12. (Original) The system of claim 8, further comprising a response manager to dynamically interpret response data.

13. (Original) The system of claim 8, wherein said manager is selected from a group consisting of: a command line interface, and a graphical user interface.

14. (Currently Amended) An article comprising:

a computer-readable and recordable data storage medium;

means in the medium for dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta data description associated with a function of a ~~managed object~~ wherein said ~~object~~ is a hardware device;

means in the medium for managing said ~~managed object~~ hardware device through an operator input command employing the generated interpretable format, including a GET command to request data from said hardware device ~~managed object~~, a SET command to modify existing data of said hardware device ~~managed object~~, and an INVOKE command to create new data, wherein a single URL assigned to an attribute of said hardware device ~~managed object~~ is used for each of said operator commands;

means in the medium for interpreting said operator input command based upon said interpretable format; and

means in the medium for executing said function to manage configuration of said hardware device ~~object~~ responsive to said interpretation of said operator input command and for displaying a response of said executed function to an operator.

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16. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein said meta data description includes a uniform resource locator assigned to said function.

17. (Original) The article of claim 14, wherein said meta data describes one or more internal commands associated with said function.

18. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 14, wherein said means for dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta data description includes a data structure of a required format for communication with said hardware device ~~managed object~~.

19. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 14, further comprising communicating with said hardware device ~~managed object~~ in real-time.

20. (Currently Amended) The article of claim 14, wherein said means in the medium for dynamically generating an interpretable format from a meta data description associated with a function of a hardware device ~~managed object~~ is selected from a group consisting of: a command line interface, and a graphical user interface.